

TWO MILLION ENGAGED IN BATTLE AROUND GORITZ

WARRIORS ADVANCE WITH SONG

With Flower Bedecked Helmets and Singing Gaily, Italians Rush to Death and Victory

2,000,000 MEN BATTLE FOR STRONGHOLD

Fall of Austrian Defenses at Goritz Will Furnish Italians Free Road to Trieste

By United Press.
Rome, August 9.—Two million men are engaged in a monster battle centering on Goritz bridge and in the surrounding heights and are pouring across the river for an assault on Goritz, singing gaily, and with flower bedecked helmets. Scores of great guns are pounding the Austria stronghold and it is believed certain that the city will fall in a few hours, if it has not already fallen into Italian hands.

The battle is spreading all along the Isonzo river. During the first two days of the great offensive 15,000 Austrians were captured. The drive began shortly after daybreak on Sunday. The Austrian front of twenty miles, extending from the Isonzo river to the Adriatic sea, was bombarded for nine hours today, warships aiding by shelling the left wing.

A general conviction prevails that the war office has been very conservative in its report and that the Italians are on the brink of a great victory that will send their armies marching on Trieste.

Goritz Captured.
By United Press.
London, August 9.—The Italians today captured Goritz, taking 10,000 Austrian prisoners.

Zeppelin Raids.
By United Press.
London, August 9.—Three women and one child were killed and fourteen persons injured in Zeppelin raids on the east coast of England and in the southeastern part of Scotland this morning. Coast guards drove off the raiders before damage of military importance was done.

200 Killed in Air Raid.
By United Press.
The Hague, August 9.—Two hundred German soldiers were killed and injured in recent allied air raids on Metz, according to advices received today.

Thiaumont Taken Again.
By United Press.
Paris, August 9.—The Germans recaptured Thiaumont. This is the eighth time this village has changed hands.

Russians Take Prisoners.
By United Press.
Petrograd, August 9.—The Russians have taken Tysmenica, seven miles east of Stanislaw, taking 7,000 prisoners.

80,000 MEN SEEK BANDITS

Mexican War Minister Says Pursuit Is Being Pressed With Vigor in Northern States

By United Press.
Mexico City, August 9.—Eighty thousand Carranza troops are now patrolling the northern border states, exterminating bandits as rapidly as possible.

RAILROAD EMPLOYEES WILL ACCEPT PROMPT MEDIATION

Brotherhood Chief Reconsiders Decision Given Early in the Day With Certain Conditions

RAILROAD MANAGERS SUGGEST MEDIATION

Garretson First Declares Employees Would Not Accept This But Later Changes Decision

THE LATEST.
By United Press.
New York, August 9.—Representatives of railroad employees have just announced that they will accept the offer of the federal board to submit their demands to mediation, provided action be taken immediately.

New York, August 9.—Representatives involved in the threatened strike today proposed mediation by the federal board when they met representatives of the employees in the four brotherhoods here this morning. A. B. Garretson, head of the brotherhood of conductors, replying for the employees, refused to accept mediation, saying arbitration had not been satisfactory in previous instances and calling attention to the fact that the two sides were in a position to confer without an intermediary.

Elissha Lee of the Pennsylvania system responded for the railways, saying they would attempt to enlist the services of the mediation board regardless of the attitude of employees. With the conference deadlocked the meeting broke up. The railway managers sought the government mediators while the brotherhood officials went into an exclusive session.

BRANDEIS HEADS MEXICAN COMMISSION

By United Press.
Washington, August 9.—President Wilson today named Judge Brandeis as the head of the American commission for the Mexican conference. Secretary Lane was also asked to take a place on the commission and has accepted. The naming of the third member awaits an acceptance by that member of the president's invitation.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
County Engineer E. E. Colby was ordered to make surveys and profiles for the following bridges and file them back to the commissioners: A bridge between sections 3-7-4-5; a bridge between sections 3-3-2 and 5-5 and 5-6; in Ninnekah township on section line 32-27-5-7.

The commission was occupied in night sessions on Tuesday evening with the consideration of road and bridge fund accounts and the clerk was instructed to draw warrants as per their instructions in sums aggregating about \$5,000.

MORE VILLISTA SCARES.

By United Press.
El Paso, Tex., Aug. 9.—General Aguilar, commanding an escorte, and a number of soldiers and civilians, were reported killed when Villistas attacked a passenger train at Noria station near Durango on the Durango-Torreon line yesterday. Half of the twenty Villistas were slain.

It is rumored the Villistas have captured Torreon.

Both financial and official circles decided today that the government is planning at this time to attempt to secure a loan in the United States. It is believed that the coming conference will discuss the advisability of a loan.

WEATHER FORECAST.

For Oklahoma.
Tonight and Thursday, partly cloudy.
Local Temperature.
During 24 hours ending 8 a. m. today:
Maximum, 104; minimum, 73.

FREIGHT SERVICE CHANGED

Former Run Between El Reno and Waurika Will Be Cut Making Chickasha Stopping Point for Crews

Announcement is made of a change in the Rock Island freight service in this district to become effective Saturday, August 12, which by shortening the runs will prove beneficial to employees and patrons concerned.

At present the freight crews have a long run between El Reno and Waurika. After Saturday local crews will start at Chickasha and run to Waurika, and there will be a "turn around" crew service between Chickasha and El Reno.

The change makes Chickasha a center for the freighting crews and will bring two train crews of four men each, and two engine crews of two men each to this city.

TEXAS IS STRONG FOR WILSON

By United Press.
Houston, Tex., Aug. 9.—The majority of the platform committee of the Democratic convention, which was submitted today, was lengthy. It endorses President Wilson's Mexican policies, lauds Governor Ferguson, recommends the eight hour law, demands that the legislature itemize all appropriations, investigate warehouse law, promote farm marketing, demands half million dollars for a new insane asylum, \$2,000,000 for rural schools, recommends tax on automobiles, asks for \$100,000 for tick eradication, and recommends the exemption of cotton factories from taxation.

WAR ODDITIES.

By United Press.
London, August 9.—A letter from the late Lord Kitchener, exhorting slackers is to be sold at auction for the benefit of one of the war funds. The letter never has been published.

London, August 9.—Trench rats, the abomination of Tommies, sometimes prove valuable when the Germans are shooting poison gases at the allied trenches, a soldier on the front said. The rats become uneasy and can be relied on to warn of the approaching gas.

London, August 9.—Practically all the unemployed land in a large cemetery at Styal, Cheshire, is being planted in potatoes.

WHEAT TAKES A JUMP
Chicago, August 9.—Wheat jumped 3-8 cents for September, seven cents for May and six cents for December as the result of the government's report predicting a shortage.

STICKNEY DIES.
By United Press.
St. Paul, Minn., Aug. 9.—A. B. Stickney, founder of the Great Northern railroad, who had an interest in several other lines, died of intestinal trouble this morning.

"PREVENT INJURY" MEETING

Chickasha Members of Safety First Band Will Go to El Reno Gathering Called for Friday

The Prevent Injury committee of the Rock Island Safety First organization, Oklahoma division, will meet in El Reno Friday, August 11, in response to a call issued by Division Superintendent H. F. Reddig. The various departments of the road will be represented at the meeting. Members of the committee from Chickasha who are expected to attend are, G. M. Stone, master mechanic; J. H. Lynch, roadmaster; W. T. Burke, store keeper; J. R. Nugent, agent; M. S. Bledsoe, claim clerk; R. W. Warren, transfer foreman; H. Powell, machinist; J. M. Renaga, bridge foreman; George Hinds, coppermith; W. L. Harkins, boiler maker; Hugh Harvey, check clerk; Del Stephens, car inspector; C. W. Moffatt, yard master; A. Hamilton, general foreman, and W. J. Logsdon, car foreman.

CHICKASHA OFFICERS ARE ACTIVE

Police Produce Fines Aggregating \$5500 During First Twelve Months of Present Administration

That the police force during the present administration has been alive was shown this morning in an interview with Mayor Coffman, who reported that during the first twelve months of his administration the police court had assessed fines to the amount of \$5500 as against \$1790 in the preceding year.

Probably fifty of these cases were for speeding on Chickasha avenue. It is impossible for two policemen to be in forty places at one time," he asserted, "but considering that this town of about 15,000 is being policed by two officers, they have accomplished much in the way of reducing speeding. The city has six policemen on the force but these are divided into three shifts of eight hours each, making only two policemen for duty at any one time. These two are usually employed on Chickasha avenue or close to it, when not called elsewhere on duty. We have no extra men for an emergency, and therefore up to the present time we have not been in a position to combat the evil of speeding on highways in the suburbs of Chickasha. These men are now doing about three times as much as any policemen which we have ever had."

DAUGHTER SHOT.

Police headquarters were notified this afternoon of a shooting at 27 Iowa avenue and officers were sent to the spot. It developed that the excitement arose over the cries of Rebecca Griffin, who had just received a letter saying her daughter, Mary Melissa Jasper, colored, had been shot at No. 27, Iowa, Texas.

"WATER MELON" SPECIAL

Trainload of Fifty-One Cars Pass Through Chickasha as Part of Day's Shipment

100 TO 125 CARS OF MELONS DAILY

Biggest Movement in History of Chickasha Country Creates Scarcity of Cars for Handling Shipments

"Still in the midst of the biggest watermelon rush known in this country," is the report of local Rock Island officials who are having a hard time to supply the orders for cars. From 100 to 125 cars are being loaded a day in this vicinity, the biggest loading points being Rush Springs, Marlow, Alex and Verdun.

A "watermelon special" which went through Chickasha last night carried 51 cars of the melons. The train left Waurika with nothing but the caboose and picked up 46 of the cars at Rush Springs, leaving several more which it could not handle on the siding there. The rush has been on for almost three weeks, and will probably continue all through next week.

BOYS IN JAIL FOR ROBBERY

Lads 18 and 12 Years Taken from El Reno Train With Queer Belongings in Their Pockets

When a freight train pulled in from El Reno this morning, Berry Williamson, nightwatchman at the Rock Island yards, nabbed two boys who were unwelcome passengers in one of the cars. They were taken to the county jail where they gave the names of Roy Ayers, aged 18, and Orville Robinson, aged 12. Sheriff Bailey got into communication with the chief of police at El Reno when the latter officer asked that the boys be held for theft at the Carnegie library.

When arrested their stock in trade consisted of two new search lights, a new fountain pen which one of the boys claimed he had owned for a year but which had never been filled nor was the price mark slip soiled, a medicine dropper, nineteen pennies, two dimes, a nickel and a few .22 calibre cartridges.

The boys spent the day sleeping soundly and are being held awaiting the disposition of the authorities of Canadian county.

"We are good boys and never stole anything in our lives," they declared to Jailer Dryden.

CHICKASHA MAN KILLED AT WIRT

Ardmore, Okla., Aug. 9.—Hugh Caldwell of Chickasha, was shot and killed in a resort at Wirt this morning as the result of a quarrel. Eddie Burns has been arrested charged with murder. Both are alleged to have been drinking.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF FARM BUREAU MEET.**
According to announcement made by Jonas Cook, president, the board of directors of the Commercial and Farm Bureau will meet Friday evening at the usual place promptly at 8 o'clock. "We urge every member to be present on time in order that the business of the meeting may be disposed of with as little delay as possible," said Mr. Cook.

NO LABOR DAY MEET THIS YEAR

Trades Council Takes No Action But Teamsters Will Give Picnic at Sharp Grove

There will be no official celebration of Labor Day under the auspices of the Trades Council of Chickasha this year. That conclusion has been reached by the council after due deliberation.

A number of private picnics will be given by various parties and W. A. Hopkins will have a big picnic at Shanon Springs.

The only organization which will celebrate as such is the Teamsters' union, which has announced a picnic at Sharp's grove northwest of town. Everything on this occasion will be free to teamsters and their families and will be provided by the locals.

"It will be a get-together meeting," said an officer of that union. "Although the men are well acquainted, their wives do not know each other. My wife does not know over three or four wives of other teamsters and we want this condition changed."

AWAKENED BY AWFUL EXPLOSION

Chickasha Man Was Guest at New York Hotel When Terrible Black Tom Island Tragedy Occurred

When the terrific explosion of ammunition at Black Tom Island awakened Will Owsley from his slumbers in a seventeenth story room of the McAlpin hotel, New York City, in the early morning of July 30, his first thought was of a subway explosion but explanations ranging all the way from the Germans to Black Hand bombs presented themselves before the cause was known.

Mr. Owsley says he and his wife were awakened as if by a monstrous clap of thunder and although the scene of the explosion was six miles from the hotel, it seemed as if it were immediately in front of the building. From two until four o'clock that morning Mr. and Mrs. Owsley joined the crowd of spectators on top of the hotel, watching the wonderful and spectacular sight.

"Although I have never been in a war, I think the series of explosions following one after another could be compared to the sound of battle," said Mr. Owsley. "I never saw so much broken glass in my life, and soldiers were still guarding the broken windows in the wholesale jewelry district when we left New York."

Miss M. E. Burr, of the Burr-Burgess Millinery company, arrived in Chickasha yesterday from Kansas City, accompanied by Mrs. Florine Carpenter, who will have charge of the company's store the coming season.

\$200,000 TO COME TO COUNTY

Estimated that 1,000 Per Capita Payments Will Be Made in Grady County Within 30 Days

COMPETENCY BOARD TO VISIT CHICKASHA

Will Determine Which of the Restricted Adults are Capable of Administering Own Affairs

That fully 1,000 per capita payments will be made to those of Indian blood in this county ranging from full blood to one sixty-fourth, and aggregating at least \$200,000, is the estimate made this morning by Eldon Lowe, local representative of the Indian agency with offices in the federal building. In Grady county those of Chickasaw blood predominate and these payments are of \$200 each, \$100 having been previously paid, while Choctaws receiving \$300 are greatly in the minority.

It is estimated that these payments will all be concluded within the next thirty days and the rapidly with which they are made has made a most favorable impression on claimants. Full night and day forces are employed at the disbursing office in Muskogee and many claims are paid within twenty-four to forty-eight hours after the applications are filed in that office.

"Practically all the applications for payments have gone in," said Mr. Lowe this morning.

Competency Commission.

A new operating board in the Indian department has been created under the title of the federal competency commission of which Frank A. Thacker is chairman. The object of this board is to examine and determine which of the adults who are now on the lists as "restricted" are capable of administering their own affairs in order to remove the restrictions which have been imposed upon them by the government. There are now about 175 restricted adults in this district, No. 14, composed of Grady, Stephens and Jefferson counties.

The commission is at present in the Medill district where they will complete their labors on August 9, today, and will then visit Ardmore, Chickasha and Pauls Valley in the order named. They will probably be here next week.

Mr. Lowe has not yet been informed along what lines the commission will operate upon their arrival here but presumes that much of the work will be done in the field, therefore he is not in a position at present to inform the interested adults whether to make applications personally to the office or to wait for the visit of the commission.

BELIEVE THEY HAVE AUTO THIEF

Deputy Bob Castleman Goes to Arkansas to Bring Back Man Charged With Stealing Ninnekah Car

In the hope of landing the man who stole an automobile from Harry Anderson of Ninnekah, Deputy Sheriff Bob Castleman left last night for Ashdown, Ark., to get a man who is being held there on that charge. Immediately following the theft, Sheriff Hodges Bailey and his deputies made a thorough search in several parts of the county without apprehending the culprit but it is believed that a good case can be made against the suspect who is now under guard.